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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Significant Developments in the Latin  
American Countries on the Counterinsur-  
gency Critical List

A. Countries on the Critical List

Venezuela

At least 50 acts of terrorism have been reported since 15 October, most of them in Caracas. These included bombings, arson, attacks on police, and one bank robbery. The police, backed up by the army, rounded up an undetermined number of terrorists and suspected terrorists, engaged in several running gun battles, and sustained several casualties while flushing terrorists and sympathizers out of slum areas.

On 20 October, the army attacked a guerrilla camp in Falcon State, killing four guerrillas and wounding several others. The operation was described by the Venezuelan authorities as a "serious blow" to the guerrilla movement in Falcon.

An apparent threat from the right was thwarted by the arrest of a group of several military officers and some civilians on 20 October. The identities of those arrested have not yet been released.

There is some evidence of increasing public support of the government's crackdown on terrorism. In several instances, police and army units have been aided by civilians.

In spite of vigorous corrective measures, terrorism is expected to continue and possibly to increase during the time remaining before the 1 December elections. (Map)

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Ecuador

Ecuadorean Communists have started a campaign to promote widespread student disorders.

On the occasion of the beginning of the fall term at the universities, Communist terrorists bombed the Municipal Palace and the Treasury Ministry in Quito and a university building in Guayaquil.

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B. Other countries

El Salvador

The National Guard raided a Communist training and propaganda center near the capital city. The raiders arrested three persons and confiscated propaganda material, Communist books, and some cash.

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